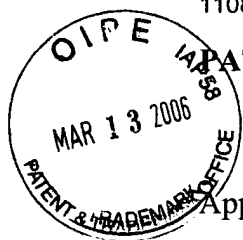


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Dear Sir:

This amendment and reply is submitted in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed on December 12, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expires on March 12, 2006, and thus this reply is timely filed.

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